

# The Church in Warden Hill

**THE NEXT COMMUNITY FILM SHOW** will be on 12th February. All are welcome.

**THIS COMING WEDNESDAY SOCIAL GROUP** will commence at 2pm when Sam Chidwick - Podiatrist - will be talking on 'Freshen your feet' Do come along and join us.

## **CURRENT RESTRICTIONS**

St. Christopher's remains open to visit during the week and for Sunday worship. Face coverings are now mandatory for services and you are asked to keep these on whilst singing. Please ensure you keep a social distance when inside and if you, or a member of your household, feels unwell, then please do not attend.

## **SUNDAY LIVE STREAMS**

The South Cheltenham Team will continue to live stream a service each Sunday from one of the churches; this can be accessed via [www.stpetersleck.org](http://www.stpetersleck.org).

## **SUNDAY COFFEE**

Due to the new wave of Covid 19 this has been suspended until we know it is safe to resume.

## **FOOD BANK**

Thank you for your ongoing support. The items we need most at the moment are: UHT milk, long-life fruit juice, coffee, ketchup or brown sauce, tinned ham, hot chocolate, gravy granules, savoury crackers. We don't need pasta, rice, pulses/beans, soup, tinned tomatoes, cereal or tea as we have plenty of these at the moment.

Arrangements for Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Baptism, Confirmation, Banns of Marriage, etc., should be made with Revd Gary Grady or Revd Iain McLaren

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or in need of a pastoral visit please contact Clergy, Elders or Readers.

Safeguarding Officer: Debbie Cypher

If you have anything for the Grapevine please send it to

Brian Miles ([grapevine@tciwh.org.uk](mailto:grapevine@tciwh.org.uk) Tel 862142) by midday on Wednesday.

Church website: [www.tciwh.org.uk](http://www.tciwh.org.uk)



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(Anglican & URC)

# Welcome



## **THE GRAPEVINE 9th JANUARY 2022 THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

Holy Communion will be held at St. Christopher's at 10.30am and will be led by Revd Iain McLaren

### **Readings:**

Luke 3: 21-22

Acts 8: 14-17, 10: 44-48

### **Hymns:**

96. Great is thy faithfulness

308 & 309 Spirit of the living God

566. The Church's one foundation

549. One more step along the world I go

### **The Collect for Epiphany Sunday**

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

### **Morning Prayer**

TEAM MORNING PRAYER 9am DAILY

[www.facebook.com/pipandjims](https://www.facebook.com/pipandjims) or [www.stpetersleck.org](http://www.stpetersleck.org)

You can attend in person as follows: Mondays at Pip & Jim's, Tuesdays at St. Christopher's, Wednesdays at Emmanuel and Thursdays at St. Peter's.

The Friday service is on-line only.

### **Forthcoming Services all commencing at 10.30am**

January	16th	Morning Worship	Tamsyn Jenkins
January	23rd	Holy Communion	Revd Jacqueline Henson
January	30th	Morning Worship	Rachel Tarling

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## Letter from the Minister for 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

January, the first month of the year, is associated with new beginnings, often symbolised by the making of New Year's resolutions to be a better person in some aspect of one's life. It will be my birthday on Sunday and so I will have further grounds for thinking in terms of new beginnings. I will be prompted to reflect that I am a year older (and possibly wiser) and invited to embrace the potential of a new year of life.

According to the lectionary, 9<sup>th</sup> January this year is designated as a Sunday for remembering the baptism of Jesus. The baptism of Jesus was a new beginning. It marked the end of his life as Joseph the carpenter's son and the beginning of his ministry of teaching and healing, culminating in his death and resurrection. Prior to returning to heaven, Jesus commanded his disciples to make new disciples, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Thereafter baptism became the sacrament marking the beginning of a convert's new life as a Christian.

In church traditions that practise believer's baptism the link between baptism and the beginning of life as a Christian is evident. The candidate professes their faith in Christ, gives testimony about how God has led them to this point and then receives baptism. The link is less clear in traditions, like our own, in which baptism is most commonly administered to infants, with parents making promises on their child's behalf. When I meet with parents for baptism classes I therefore like to describe baptism as a welcome into the Christian family. It marks the moment the child begins a new life as part of the Christian family, with all the rights and responsibilities that being part of a family implies. It is the beginning of a new relationship with God that will have lifelong implications.

Whatever our age, baptism is a sign that God has claimed us and is at work in us. Baptism unites us with all our brothers and sisters in Christ. At the beginning of this new year, I invite you to think about the difference baptism has made to your life.

Yours in Christ,  
Iain

**GARY SAYS** Thank you for all of your love and prayerful support over the past 12 months, it has been a challenging year but one in which there has been moments of hope and opportunity also.

Both Iain and I wish you all a very blessed, peaceful and safe Christmas as we journey to the stable and into a new year.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, that they might find relief; those mourning the loss of loved ones, that they might be comforted; those who have died recently.

**PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR** all the NHS and care staff at this difficult time; and those who make decisions about COVID on behalf of the country.

## WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

9th	Youth Worker	13th	Brizen Centre Users
10th	Messy Church	14th	Readers Pam, Roy & Rachel
11th	All with Mental Health Problems	15th	The Bereaved
12th	Play Group	16th	Church Wardens & Elders

**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES and CELEBRATIONS** let's celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries of those who have them this week.

Carole Pennington and Iain McLaren both celebrate on 9th (Carole says hers is her 21st again!) Sheila Parry has a birthday on 13th and both Jackie Sallis and Colin Binks have birthdays on 14th. Happy birthday to you all.

If you know of any future birthdays or celebrations please let me know so that we can celebrate together. **Brian Miles**

**CHRISTINGLE** service will be held on Sunday 30 January, with our Reader Rachel officiating. There will be a workshop on the previous day, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm to make the Christingles and all are welcome to help, with masks of course.